

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Yoshitada OSHIDA *et al.*  
Serial No. : 09/678,652RCE  
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For : METHOD OF INSPECTING A DNA CHIP AND AN APPARATUS THEREOF  
Group AU : 1634  
Examiner : B.L. Sisson  
Conf. No. : 7028

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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05 March 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a USPTO mailing date of 05 November 2003 (having a premature finality thereof withdrawn by the USPTO communication mailed 09 January 2004 but not properly restarted), the following is respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In accordance with the revised format of the manner of making amendments under 37 CFR §1.121 as set forth in the Final Rule effective 30 July 2003, each section of amendment herein begins on a new page, and changes are shown by strike-through (or double brackets where appropriate) and underlining to indicate deletions and additions, respectively. A complete listing of all claims ever presented in the application is given with the current status of each claim, and only the text of all pending and withdrawn claims is presented in full, with those not being amended herein being presented in clean version.